

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**

**Long Leaf Pine Initiative**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Long Leaf Pine Initiative		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>		<b>Telephone:</b>
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d, etc.)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer implement conservation practices which:	
3. a. Decrease aquifer overdraft?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of air quality from agricultural sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
4. a. Meet on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Reduce on-farm generated green house gases such as CO <sub>2</sub> (Carbon Dioxide), CH <sub>4</sub> (Methane), and N <sub>2</sub> O (Nitrous Oxide)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health: Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Improve soil tilth, organic matter, structure, health, etc.?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practice(s) which:	
6. a. Benefit on-farm habitat associated with threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Help retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project assist the producer implement practices which:	

7. a. Help manage or control noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase, or improve habitat to benefit pollinator or other targeted wildlife species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. c. Properly dispose of livestock carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. d. Are identified in an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. e. Are identified in a Nutrient Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. f. Apply principles of adaptive nutrient management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to implement practices which:	
8. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with practices and improvements identified in an approved energy audit equivalent to criteria required in Ag EMP (122,124)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that also reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
9. a. Implementation of all conservation practices scheduled in the contract on the CPA-1155 within three years of date of obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Implementation of practice(s) which will complete an existing conservation system or suite of practices?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
PLANT & ANIMAL HEALTH (Respond 'YES' only once to Question 1 thru 4. Cost share for tree planting is NOT available on land that has timber standing present at the batching period deadline, November 16, 2012. Cost share is NOT available for establishing (planting) trees at a rate greater than 726 trees per acre). This program is for the establishment and/or management of existing Longleaf Pines.	
1. Will longleaf pine be established (planted) at a spacing of less than 500 trees/ac (planting rate) on the majority of the planted offered acreage, AND will permanent Firebreaks (394) be maintained according to NRCS standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will longleaf pine be established (planted) at a spacing of 501 - 726 trees/ac (planting rate) on the majority of the planted offered acreage, AND will permanent Firebreaks (394) be maintained according to NRCS standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the treatment area result in the reduction of invasive species (species listed on the Category I List of the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council List ( <a href="http://flepc.org/list/11list.html">http://flepc.org/list/11list.html</a> ))? SPECIES LISTED MUST HAVE INFESTATION RATE OVER 5%.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
CONSERVATION PLAN	
1. Does the applicant have a Conservation Plan, that meets the requirement outlined in the FL-CPA-30 for the Conservation Management Unit (CMU). The plan must have been developed by the end of the batching period (November 16, 2012)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. IF QUESTION #1 IS "YES", Has the applicant completed greater than 50 percent of the practices scheduled in the Conservation Plan? If Question #1 is "NO", then answer "NO".	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS	
1. Has the applicant ever cancelled/terminated an EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Has applicant self-certified as a historically underserved farmer?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is the land enrolled in a USFWS Safe Harbor program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

#### Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
EXISTING LONGLEAF PINE (If this criteria is met, answer 'YES' to only one of the following questions 1, 2, or 3).	

1. 1. Is 50% or greater of the existing woodland acreage consist of Longleaf Pine?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2. Is 10 -49% of the existing woodland acreage consist of Longleaf Pine?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 3. Is 0 - 9% of the existing woodland acreage consist of Longleaf Pine?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
PLANNING ESTABLISHMENT OF LONGLEAF PINE (If this criteria is met, answer 'YES' to only one of the following questions 1, 2, or 3).	
1. 1. Once the planned contract is implemented, will 50% or greater of the planned woodland acreage be predominately Longleaf Pine?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 2. Once the planned contract is implemented, will 10 - 49% of the planned woodland acreage be predominately Longleaf Pine?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. 3. Once the planned contract is implemented, will 0 - 9% of the planned woodland acreage be predominately Longleaf Pine?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
LONGLEAF TREE ESTABLISHMENT	
1. 1. Will all planned Longleaf Tree establishment (612) be established at a rate of <500 trees/acre?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. 1. Is the soil classified as moderately well or well drained on the proposed Longleaf planting area (majority of the planted area)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
OTHER MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES	
2. Has the applicant been following a professional forest management plan within the last 5 years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will Longleaf pines be planted on previously cut over acreage (any approved spacing below 726TPA) on the majority of the offered acreage?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Is the applicant applying for tree planting, due to their loss of newly planted trees during recent drought and/or other natural disaster (verified by NRCS or professional forester)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will Prescribed Burning (338) be scheduled during the contract period?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:  Local Issues:  State Issues:  National Issues:  <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

<b>NRCS Representative:</b>   <b>Signature Date:</b>	<b>Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:</b>   <b>Signature Date:</b>
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